

Dear Friend

Greetings from Caracas! I hope each one of you enjoyed a nice Summer : ). I just realized that I didn't send my July newsletter as I meant to. I don't really know what happened!!! So, now I need to apologize for not writing for almost three months and as you may imagine I have so many things to share that it would take a very long newsletter to up date you on everything! Well, it is my fault and I'll be as brief as possible : ).

These last three months I was in Venezuela all the time, with just three short travelling activities within the country. That was good because I had the opportunity to get more involved with ministry with my large church Renacer, the barrio church in Carapita and with our children and pastor's network ministry. I praise God because we taught a whole semester at our Renacer Ministry School and I was in charge of teaching the subject Theology of the Kingdom of God. I had a group of 35 students and even when the subject was "theology" I had the blessing of using part of our Biblical worldview and Harvest material, so the class was very practical, participatory and leading towards the kind of theology that the church needs in order to have a transformational impact in people's lives as well as our communities.

Children Ministry: July was a very special time with the children since we celebrated the end of the school year as well as "Children Day". In Carapita we had two celebrations, one inside the church, aimed to the church's children and the community children that attend the children club; and another celebration was at the sector called Las Delicias. As you will see through the pictures both group of children had a great time : ).



Pictures taken at las Delicias, as we were celebrating and playing with the children!



They had a great time with the games, and also with the performing of praise songs to our Lord!

In June we held a three days training in Valencia with our Children Network. The theme was "Children's Discipleship Encounter" and about 80 volunteers, from 20 states of the country, attended the event. Also, ending July, I helped facilitate a training with Christians Educators, preparing volunteers to work in the teaching of Christian values at schools and communities.



Presentation of class at our Discipleship Encounter In Valencia



Group of facilitators during training on Christian Values at school Ramon Diaz Sanchez

Another highlight in this area was the beginning of a two year school program called DINA (Desarrollo Integral de la Niñez y Adolescencia – Wholistic Development for Children and Adolescents). It is coordinated by the Baptist Seminary, KYROS and Compassion with the purpose to train Christians and create a group of accredited teachers that will help the Venezuelan church to be more effective in taking the Kingdom of God to the families and children in our communities. A group of 30 people from different parts of Venezuela enrolled on this program this past August. We met for three days at the Baptist seminary to begin the three subjects of the 1 semester and we'll pursue the studies on line, with weekly readings, activities and interactions with the teacher and within the students. Now, we are studying a subject called Church, Theology, and Society and I really like it! During Oct/Dec. we will study: Psychology & Development and Overview of Children's situation in Latin America. I'm really excited with this DINA program! Your prayers for this project are appreciated!



Part of Christian leaders registered in the program – Great group, great classes and group dynamics

Networking: I attended many of our pastor's meetings on Tuesday and special global-national events to pray for Venezuela. During all these months the evangelical church in Venezuela was involved in all night prayer vigils, fasting activities, continuous daily prayer and special prayer events in Caracas and most cities and towns of Venezuela. Yes, in the midst of political, social and economic crises God has moved His church, in a united way, to pray for Venezuela, to repent and cry out for our nation. We need God to intervene in a miraculous way to reduce the crime rate, insecurity level as well as the political violence existing in Venezuela. On Sunday, Sept 26, we'll have national election to choose the representative to our national assembly (our congress-senate). It will be crucial for the political future of our nation and we appreciate very much your prayers for this national event!

DNA work: Another important project that has taken a lot of my time and energy is the revision of the Spanish translation of Darrow Miller's book "Nurturing the Nations". Luki

Ortiz and I started working on this last June and we are excited about this project because we believe this book in Spanish will be an amazing tool to bring transformation in our cultures. The book disclose the lie of the enemy concerning men and women (machismo as well as feminism) and it help to restore the biblical image of God in both, men and women, and their partnership in the building of Godly Cultures. Please be praying for this work!

Concerning me and my family: I praise God because I'm doing well : ). Thanks to every one of you that prayed for the recovery of my left arm and shoulder. After 5 month of physical therapy my arm recovered 95% of its movement and the pain is almost gone. It's been a long process of 6 months since I had the accident, but thank to God I'm almost back to normal : ). I also praise God because everyone every one in my family is doing well. We took a few days vacation and went to the beach house in Todasana. Also, we took my nephew Nicolas (visiting us from England) to a very special places on the west part of the country with wonderful deserts, sand dunes and beaches. I hope you like the pictures ...



My nephew Cesar, my sis Marisela Nic and I, at Sand dune in Coro      Marisela, my brother Higor & Nic      Beach cave with ancient petro-graphic

Prayer Request ...

1. For the children work in Carapita, San Pablito and Renacsenive (our children network)
2. For pastor Lugo and family, the Carapita church and the ministry work in the community.
3. For the work of revision of the translation of our DNA book "Nurturing the Nations".
4. For my next trip and teaching time in Anaco (Sept 20-24) and my trip to Ecuador (end of September) to attend a conference coordinated by Miquea network
5. For my country, Venezuela. Especially for a decline of the violence and for the coming elections on Sept 26. May God's mercy be pored over my nation!
6. For my family, that each one of them may growth closer to the Lord.

Dear friend, thanks in advance for your prayers. I'll be also praying for you! May God bless you! Tons of love and hugs for you and your family ...

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